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F. P. Tifford 1 2 3 4 5  
F. B. Allard 2 1 3 4 5  
COOL SPRINGS DISTRICT—NO. 2.

A. N. Brown 28 25 26 27  
D. J. Wilcox 27 25 26 27  
CLERMONT DISTRICT—NO. 3.

A. T. Collier 26 25 24 24  
W. P. Rader 27 25 23 22  
BILLING'S STORE DISTRICT—NO. 4.

Ron. Newton 18 15 13 17  
E. Woodson 17 16 15 18  
T. W. Cobb 1 9 7 11 18

KELLY'S DISTRICT—NO. 6.

T. S. McElroy 12 12 12 12  
James Allen 13 13 13 13

HARTFORD DISTRICT—NO. 7.

A. B. Beaman 19 19 19 19  
John P. Cooper 20 18 19 19

CORNWELL'S DISTRICT—NO. 8.

Melvin Taylor 81 29 29 28  
Samuel Austin 30 30 28 28

HARTFORD DISTRICT—NO. 9.

T. L. Allen 21 21 21 21  
T. L. Allen 22 20 21 22

STEVENS' STORE DISTRICT—NO. 10.

John A. Benner 6 6 6 6  
R. G. Wedding 7 7 7 7

PALESTINE'S DISTRICT—NO. 11.

J. S. Yates 14 14 14 14  
W. H. Cammins 12 12 12 12

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"I COME, THE HERALD OF A NOISY WORLD, THE NEWS OF ALL NATIONS LUMBERING AT MY BACK."

VOL. 3.

HARTFORD, OHIO COUNTY, KY., APRIL 4, 1877.

NO. 13.

MODOC'S ADVICE.

Competition is now so strong. The farmers can not get along without their County paper. The paper is bound to break it down, One and half the whole year round, Not much of course—Dont water—The HERALD is a spicy sheet. And always looks so clean and neat. Dont let the children tear it, Peruse it well. Then fit it, And sell your neighbor's for the way Friend John will take his name right down And arm him all around the town, He's such a jolly brother, One and half the says so much, The paper does not pay every week. Then walk up boys, and you will find That if you would not be behind, Take the HERALD—You should do it. Advertise and pay the bill, It makes the printer feel so well, My word you'll never rue it. Brownsville, March 21.

An Interesting Letter from Litchfield.

LITCHFIELD, KY., Mar. 24, 1877.

Editor Herald.

Having recently spent several weeks traveling in the State of Texas, and believing that your many readers would be interested in reading a short sketch of my observations of the "Lone Star State," her natural resources, the manner and customs of her people, I write you this letter for publication which you can use if you think worthy a place in its columns. Austin, the capital, is one of the most delightful cities in the United States, a full description of which I may give your readers at some future time. Here we met with several Kentuckians prospecting the State whom we were delighted to see. We were also introduced to Mrs. Lee R. Shryock a Kentucky lady of culture and refinement, and a sister to Gen. John S. Williams, whose kindness shall ever cherish with pleasant recollection of the past. From Austin we took the Central Railroad for

Houston,

which is the great railroad center of the State. The city presents a somewhat old appearance, but business of all kinds is to be found in a flourishing condition. After visiting the Cotton Exchange and several other places of interest, we took the International and Great Northern Railroad for

CROCKETT.

This is a thriving and flourishing little town of about two thousand inhabitants, and derived its name from the famous Davy Crockett, who camped six weeks at this place while on his way to the Alamo, where he fell in defense of Texas liberty. Here we enjoyed the hospitality of Col. Bracken and family, where we remained several days. From Crockett we next visited Palestine which is the headquarters of the International and Great Northern Railroad, and contains a population of about five thousand. This road is offering every inducement to parties seeking homes in Texas; and in this connection we wish to add that they have built an Emigrants' Home for the benefit and comfort of the emigrants until they can make suitable arrangements for future homes. This Home is under the management of Col. Sam Shock, a clever, genial gentleman who is ever unceasing in his efforts to add to the pleasure and interest of the emigrants. We visited this Home and found it alive with cheerful emigrants from all parts of the West. We cannot say too much in praise of the management of this home, more of which we will have to say hereafter.

The International and Great Northern passes through the finest timbered portion of the State, and many fine farms are to be seen upon the line, in a high state of cultivation. Gen. Hoxie, the President, and Col. Hayes, the Vice President of the road have offices at this place, and are always ready to extend the courtesies of their line to parties seeking information in regard to the resources of the State with the view of locating within her borders.

From Palestine we went to Hearne, situated at the crossing of the International and Great Northern and the Texas Central Railroads. Thence we passed into Northern Texas, visiting Dallas, Sherman and Denison, which are all thriving cities situated in a rich and fertile country. We traveled from Fort Worth, West into several counties upon the line of the proposed Southern Pacific which we found to be as beautiful farming and grazing country as we ever saw, the lands of which can be obtained at very low rates. The Texas Central Railroad passes directly through the center of the State from Houston to Denison, and runs through a fertile country as is to be found anywhere in the State. Col. John Durand, the Superintendent of the road, extends every facility to parties endeavoring to locate colonies upon the line of his road.

From North-western Texas we again returned to Austin, from which point we visited Southern Texas a full description of which we will give in our next letter. The State of Texas is six times as large as Kentucky, and were the forty millions of people in the United States settled within her borders, it would not be as densely populated as the State of Mass. There are homes here for millions and her rich lands but await development to place her among the first States of the Union in wealth and prosperity. It has been suggested by some, that ere long the

State would be divided, to which Mrs. Hamlett in her poems thus touchingly alludes.

Divide the State! Who dare suggest Such act of sacrifice? Bought with a price fit for our eyes; And shall be read in twain What was cemented into one, By blood of heroes slain.

Say for which portion Crockett fought, For which did Travis die? For which hath Houston's pleadings bought A nation's sympathy.

No North, no South, no East no West; Let this our country be.

Our State is one. So let it rest; United great and free.

Let one grand center call her sons To Legislative halls; Let one grand voice, in thunder tones, Guard well her "outer walls."

Brownsville, March 21.

Editor Herald.

The natural resources of the State are unbound, and she extends a cordial invitation to the enterprising citizen from all parts of the habitable globe. Her beautiful prairies excite the wonderful imagination of the beholder to such an extent that he is all the while fancy's prisoner. A sunset on the prairie is the loveliest sight we ever beheld; and he is filled with wonder at the sublimity of these scenes. The gorgeous clouds form a rosy pathway for him to tread, as he walks downward into his bed of flowers and verdure. Around him float airy purple clouds, while beneath are others tinged with the riches vermilion.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Letter from Hartford.

Editor Herald.

Our mercantile law twenty years ago, and now. When Paris was lost, the Bow of the Bourbons was effectually broken; and the attempts of individuals to make a stand against the gallant was honorable indeed to their own gallantry, but of no advantage to their cause, twenty years ago. When our now thrifty and prosperous country was considered very verdant and rural—when merchants did a legitimate business on the twelve month system, and men's words were equivalent to their notes—hence the money made. When you'd find one store upon an average every fifteen or twenty miles, I say that merchants could then place a very exorbitant per cent. on all classes of goods with impunity, and the purveyor would from necessity have to stand it or go home destitute of many articles absolutely essential. The merchant, knowing his power, could establish either a cash basis or credit, and force his patron to accept it. But this progressive year, 1877. How changed the scene! Large and attractive stores meet your eyes at every cross roads, and village. We have the Eastern market at our door. And now the reverse of twenty years ago, dear Tom.

We must now notice the modern merchant: A good customer waits upon his merchant—Your goods are too high priced, sir, can't trade, must try the other house—competition is the life of trade, you had us in your financial grasp once. We are even now. The next merchant, in order to secure him as a patron, will offer many inducements, and the customer really gets many of his goods less than cost. Merchants are forced to accept the terms, and as the mercantile law is a profession requiring the most profound thought and calculations, hence we find so many failures and inconsistencies. Miscalculations and bankrupts in the country. Every man that stands behind the counter, is far from being a merchant; but some seem to husband the idea that all that is necessary to become a successful operator in Nainsook, Bleached goods, &c., to give him a few hundred dollars and put him behind a box counter—then he is the peer of A. T. Stewart.

To establish a cash basis in the country at this time is fatal to the country merchant that adopts it—unless all merchants become colleagues and make it a positive law—from the patent fact, that the farming community is the main prop and support of the merchant, mechanic, lawyer and doctor, and as such, they command money, as a rule but once a year, hence it is futile to attempt business unless you are financially able to meet competition in every sense of the term. You have a good trade, the moneyed men of the country deal with you. You sell your goods at a reasonable per cent.—when the great staple of the country is disposed of—then the merchant receives his wages. Some contend that they had rather cry over their goods, than cry after them. But I'm of the opinion that this does not meet the demand. If the merchant should have in stock an amount of goods, and utterly refuse to risk a good man for a small amount of goods—it will soon spread with lightning velocity, and the consequence is, that the merchant in question will certainly have the honor of crying over his goods—the cash system can be appropriately applied in the grocery line in towns

## THE HERALD.

JNO. P. BARRETT, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1877.

Notice to Correspondents.

We reserve the right to strike from any communication whatever we may think proper. Persons need not be offended if we do not publish just what they write in the manner written. It frequently happens that for want of space and time, some portion of a letter is left out; and again, for other reasons, we may think better to cut, slash and destroy. Some may be received too late for the purposes for which they are intended, and others may not be what we want. So our friends need not think we treat them unkindly in anything we do about the matter.

We solicit correspondence and all items of news which, if published, or not is intended to reflect credit upon us. We print only on one side of the paper. The name of the writer must be given, not for publication unless desired, but as a means of information to us. Remember that a writer is responsible for what he says.

THREE more of Packards legislators have gone over to the Nicholls Legislature.

THE Galt House Company of Louisville, have gone into voluntary bankruptcy. The House will still remain open for guests.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON visited Washington last week and along the whole line of travel the people made a grand ovation to him.

LITTLE Rhody holds her State election to-day. Of course she will endorse that little theft of the presidential chair by the Republicans.

W. D. COLEMAN is announced in this issue of the paper as a candidate for Legislative honors. Mr. Coleman is an upright, honest, enterprising citizen, and stands fair with all those who know him. His claims merit fair consideration.

THE COURT of Appeals has decided that the over issue of bonds by the Daviess County Court, in aid of the Owensboro and Russellville Railroad, is not valid and collectable, and has affirmed the judgment of the lower court enjoining their collection.

WE learn from the plainedealer, which we had not noticed, that Hon. D. L. Adair, of Hawesville, is a candidate for senator from his district, composed of Breckenridge, Hancock and Grayson counties. He is a worthy gentleman, and deserves a liberal support.

ALL the Circuit Judges in the State of South Carolina are Republicans and the last one of them have decided and pronounced Wade Hampton the legal Governor of the State and yet the troops occupy the State House by the consent of Hayes' administration.

THE following gentlemen have been selected as the Louisiana commission. Judge Charles Laurence of Illinois, Ex-Governor J. C. Brown of Tennessee, Gen. Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, Gen. John M. Harlan of Kentucky, Wayne McVeigh of Pennsylvania.

They have more dam trouble up in New England than in all the balance of North America.

The dam at Staffordville reservoir, Connecticut, gave way on 27th ult., flooding the country for miles and miles and destroying many manufactures. Loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

A man quietly walked into the Indiana National Bank, Indianapolis, one day last week, carrying with him a box. He carefully set it down on the floor, reached over the iron railing, picked up \$25,000 and went out and made his escape, and has not since been heard of. This about noon in a city of 150,000 souls, on one of the principal streets, is a little remarkable. A reward of \$5,000 was offered for his capture.

CAPT. S. E. HILL announced himself Monday as a candidate for the Senate. His card is also in this issue of the paper. Capt. Hill embodies all the elements of a gentleman, a good lawyer, a sound Democrat and has qualifications that peculiarly fit him for the position to which he aspires and will no doubt convince the people of that if they are not already aware of it) before the first Monday in August 1877, and be triumphantly elected.

BRIGHAM YOUNG and those high in authority at the time, should be arrested and tried for planning and ordering the Mountain Meadows massacre. Justice is not meted out by the execution of John D. Lee, who was only the agent of those who planned the massacre. Go up higher and get the principals as well as the agent, what we are for, and it will be a stain upon our country if those bold bad men are not brought to justice for their connection with this foul crime.

## GLORIOUS NEWS.

Hayes Right One Time.

He has ordered the withdrawal of the troops from the State House of South Carolina, and will let the people "enjoy the inestimable blessings of local self government." Now, South Carolina will come to the front as one of the leading States in the South.

HERE is a fair specimen of Radical Carpet-bag taxation:

Some heavy figures are encountered in considering the debt of New Orleans. From 1865 to 1875 the people of the "Crescent City" paid taxes to the amount of \$50,157,972. Besides this, a debt of \$15,287,915 was contracted.

The Municipal expenses, then, for only ten years, is set down at the enormous sum of \$65,645,887.

This is an average of \$9,574,588 a year. When the State tax of the city for the same period is calculated and added to the city tax, it is found that for ten years of misrule in municipal and State governments, the people of New Orleans paid the fabulous sum of \$109,734,709 in taxes. This is nearly \$11,000,000 a year.

## BEAVER DAM Items.

BEAVER DAM, April 2, 1877.

Editor Herald:

Business has been quite lively for a week past in more respects than one.

Mr. L. T. Barnard and Miss Alice Austin were united in the bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. B. Smith, on Thursday, March 29, '77. All of this place.

Quite a crowd of relatives and friends were present. May the handsome couple ever look as charming as on the day of their marriage, and their passage through life be never dimmed, but their love grow stronger day by day.

Mr. W. T. Miller and Mrs. Emma Basden, were married by Rev. G. J. Bean at Gosher Church, Sunday morning April 1st. May their lives prove to be happy and their love crowned with many joys.

Mr. Emma Ricketts, wife of W. T. Ricketts, departed this life at her residence, Sunday morning, April 1st. The deceased was a lady who stood high in the church and in the estimation of all who knew her. She had lingered for many months, and died leaving many to mourn her loss.

The marriage of J. R. Hunter to Miss Gabie Hawkins was witnessed at the residence of the bride's father, on Sunday, 25.

1877. Mr. Hunter is a young man of irresistible moral character, while Miss Gabie, his wife, is an accomplished and very intelligent young lady, worthy of the love and admiration of her husband. We wish them a bright future.

Mr. J. S. Coleman will preach at Beaver Dam church on the 5th Saturday and Sunday in this month—on Sunday he will administer the ordinance of baptism to several.

Merchants in all branches, are doing good business.

But little coal has been shipped from the mines near here for several weeks—but will commence large shipments.

The price for digging has been reduced from three to two and a half cents per bushel.

Maggie, a little daughter of H. S. Midkiff while at play a few days since, had two fingers cut entirely off with a hatchet; she is rapidly improving.

Mr. Samuel Sowers shipped a lot of fine hogs and cattle this morning.

If some one does not announce as candidate for the Legislature soon, maybe John P. Barrett had better put his claim in. Hill and Barrett would do pretty well.

The general report is, that oats are looking well. It is the belief of fruit men that all the peaches have been killed, but that apples are still uninjured.

The recent rain has kept the ground too wet for much to be done in the agricultural line.

Editor Herald:

As you are constantly receiving communications from the little burs through out the country, I thought that a few jottings from Cromwell might not be thrown into the waste basket with other unlucky communications.

Cromwell, considering its size, stands unrivaled in the amount of business transacted therein.

We have three dry good stores, two family groceries, two drug stores and two saloons where partakers of ardent spirits can revel in the unusual excitement produced by intoxication. The business men of this place are affable and polite, and as good bargains can be had here as any place in the county.

We have an excellent school conducted by La Vega Paxton, whose reputation as teacher, is on the increase. We must not omit to mention the blacksmith shop, where cunning things are wrought in iron and steel, nor Mr. Paxton's mill, which always make good "turn outs."

We have good musicians, Miss Wise's piano music is positively excellent.

Farmers in this vicinity are very busy preparing for the ensuing crops. Wheat looks fine, oats are peeping through their earthy covering. Tobacco is ranging from four to six dollars per hundred.

I see you put Capt. Sam E. Hill in nomination for the Senate. Mr. Hill is a nice man and worthy of the place, but every man has his preference, as you well know, therefore I will call on Capt. David Poole, of Rochester, for Senate, and Dr. Virgil Taylor, for legislature, to come forth. I do not mention those gentlemen as a single individual preference, but I am justified in doing so, by the wishes of a large body of voters. These men need no eulogy from my feeble pen, their popularity and worth speak more eloquently for them than I could. Capt. Poole only missed a seat in the Legislature by three votes in the last election, and if he had time to make a thorough canvas, his election would have been insured. Dr. Taylor is a sterling physician, and universally popular.

Editor Herald:

The Cromwell Weekly Courier is the best weekly paper in South Indiana.

Editor, each week, has a column of original and selected FORTY Reading Matter; and is by far the Cheapest paper that is published in Indiana.

Now is the time to secure 2 Good Papers for a very small sum of Money.

Send in your names with the money, at once as this arrangement will last only for a short time. Respectfully, JOHN P. BARRETT.

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Let us have another Taylor in the Legislature. There are plenty of Taylors in the county with their kin to elect the doctor. Let's run him and elect him, not because he is a Taylor, but because he is worthy. SANCHO.

ISLAND STATION.

Farmers are very busy now.

Hard times seem to increase their energy and determination.

J. W. Eaton & Co., add very much to the liveliness and material prosperity of our neighborhood, by the generous and sagacious manner in which they conduct their business. They not only sell the farmer all he wishes to buy, but buy from him all he wishes to sell.

That Progress man was right about the Calhoun girls. One of our old bachelors who had made many fruitless efforts to get a wife, profited by the late hint in the HERALD, went to Calhoun and "got took in immediately." His neighbors and numerous friends were invited to one of the most enjoyable scenes on the occasion of the introduction of the accomplished bride to her new home, that has been witnessed about here for a long time. Long life and much happiness to Mr. and Mrs. H. SEALS, Atlanta, Ga.

All the men in this neighborhood who had any inclinations towards matrimony are now married, except Mr. J. W. Eaton and Clark Bryant, and their cases are not utterly hopeless. AMICUS.

CENTERTOWN Items.

CENTERTOWN, KY., April 3, 1877.

Editor Herald:

In looking over your valuable paper, I see no account of the Walton's Creek Exhibition, which was indeed a success and worthy of your notice. It came off on Thursday and Friday nights, 22nd and 23rd of March, and I must say surpassed anything of the kind I ever attended—though none of the actors surpassed Booth; but some of the actresses, with a little more practice, would come up with Maggie Mitchell. I regret very much I haven't time to give a full description, but I will do so when I have time. I have taken premiums, best tobacco of its class...

WE Club it with the HARTFORD HERALD, and for \$4.00 you can secure your home paper and our great Southern literary journal, both of which every body in this community should sustain.

New and exciting stories are beginning every week.

State and local agents are being appointed everywhere, but let each community form a club at once and send on for the paper. Having passed successfully through two of the hard years we shall ever see, it now challenges the admiration and unlimited support of the people. The price is up a dollar, but clubs of four and upwards get it for \$2.50. Address J. W. SEALS, Atlanta, Ga.

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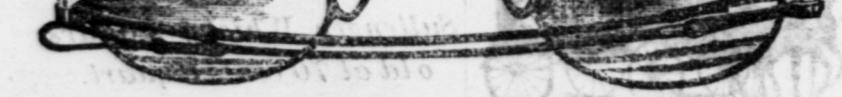
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I will tell you how I made fifty bushels of corn per acre on an upland field, some years ago, when there was scarcely any rain the entire season through. I first broke the ground with a two-horse plow in the spring; this was sod ground. Then I cross-plowed it and gave it a few good, genuine harrowings with an iron-toothed harrow. I do not remember how often I plowed and harrowed the ground before planting, but I kept up the process of plowing and harrowing until the ground was well pulverized and much resembled an ash-bed in appearance, and then it was planted. Scarcely a drop of rain came until the corn was up; then I plowed it while dry, and in a short time plowed it again in the dry.

The weather remained dry, scarcely a drop of rain falling. So I gave my corn another good plowing while dry weather continued.

I went through it I believe, the fourth time, while the ground was almost burning and scorching hot, when I laid it by to fight its own way the remainder of the season alone.

After the last plowing my corn twisted and shriveled up at a fearful rate, and looked like dying, for the ground was extremely hot and dry, and the sun set down its burning rays day after day with mighty power and great heat. But before my corn ceased to live there came a refreshing rain, and the corn put on new life, and the kinks came out of it, and it grew with new vigor.

At gathering time it yielded about fifty bushels per acre, and all because the ground was put in good condition before it was planted, and then because it was well tilled during the dry weather which followed through the summer. The corn was ready to silk and tassel when the first rain of the season came, of much importance. Hence I demonstrated the fact that it pays well to prepare ground properly before seed goes into it, and also that it pays well to tend your corn all the same or more so, if possible, when the season is dry.

The corn was not manured, and the ground was only moderately good and productive in common seasons. Had I not properly prepared the ground before planting, and then had I not given my corn proper cultivation during the dry weather which ensued, I certainly would not have raised a half crop. But we find by experiment that good cultivation generally, if not always, pays best. Then we say to farmers and gardeners to see that your ground is well plowed and harrowed, and put in proper condition for growth of crops of all kinds before your seed goes into the ground. Certainly half the battle is fought before you sow and plant your crops. For when your ground is well pulverized before the seed goes into it, it saves a vast amount of trouble and hard labor afterward.

When ground is finely pulverized before planting, it enables the young and tiny roots to lay hold of the soil with much more ease and with greater vigor after germination, than when your ground is rough, lumpy and cloddy. When it is well prepared before sowing or planting, the power of capillary attraction is greatly increased in your soil, and hence it remains in a moist condition a much longer time after a rain than in a bed of hard soil.

The strange thing is that Mr. Hayes, a man of unstained character, should be so bound to his party as to take advantage of the *coup d'état*—for with all its legality and form it is a political conspiracy, and little else.—[London, (Eng.) Telegraph.]

The recognition of the Democratic governments may suffice to prevent violent outbreaks; but it seems utterly impossible for Southern whites even to join cordially in support of a *régime*, the success of which in the recent contest was secured by arousing against them all the old passions of the civil war in the first place, and cheating them out of the franchise in the second.—[Toronto Globe.]

The most unfortunate feature in the whole affair is the decision by a party of those who evidence should be excluded. This at once deprives the Tribunal of its judicial character, and goes far to excuse, if not to justify the vituperative language in which some of the Democrats have assailed the judgment and have proposed to resist its application.—[Pall Mall Gazette, London.]

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